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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 21, 2021

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent KG
Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Reminder – Anti-Bullying Policy Modifications (MCL 380.1310b)

On January 7, 2021, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) released information regarding the revised State Board of Education (SBE) model anti-bullying policy. This memorandum is to remind local and intermediate school districts (ISDs) and public school academies (PSAs) that if a local school board or PSA board of directors creates a new anti-bullying policy or amends an existing policy, state law requires a copy to be submitted to MDE (MCL 380.1310b). New or updated anti-bullying policies are to be submitted through the Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+).

The SBE revised model anti-bullying policy can be found at the following link:
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Model_Anti-bullying_Policy_2020_FINAL_12.8.20_710493_7.pdf.

To view the required components of The Matt Epling Safe School Law (MCL 380.1310b), please see the following: <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-380-1310b>.

Questions regarding this memorandum may be directed to Mary Teachout in MDE's school health and safety unit at 517-241-7092 or TeachoutM@michigan.gov.

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